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Dear Coworkers:

SCOPE REPORT

Excellent progress is being made toward the final establishment of the youth development phase of Extension's new Scope Report under the chairmanship of Director W. A. Sutton of Georgia. It will be submitted for final ECOP approval in mid-April. Of special interest and significance to all 4-H workers are the 10 new objectives for extension workers pertaining to youth. A copy of the latest draft is enclosed for your information.

Twenty-nine States have ordered sets of the 25 slides developed by the committee for illustrating and explaining the new youth development objectives and recommendations. Additional sets are available at \$12 per set. Address your purchase order to: Division of Photography, Office of Information, Room 412A, U. S. Department of Agriculture, Washington 25, D. C. Make checks payable to the Office of Information, U.S.D.A.

1960 WHITE HOUSE CONFERENCE ON CHILDREN AND YOUTH

Included with the packet for State and assistant State 4-H Club leaders is a copy of the "Conference Reporter." This is developed by the staff preparing for the 1960 White House Conference on Children and Youth. We are arranging for our names to be added to the mailing list for this publication from now on. The recently-appointed Conference director is M. A. Gornberg, an attorney from Philadelphia. The Conference theme is "For Every Child Lasting Values in a Changing World."

If you have not tuned in with your State Committee for the 1960 White House Conference, we suggest an early contact with your Governor's office to find out the status of the preparatory work in your State. Regional offices of the Children's Bureau, Department of Health, Education and Welfare are the focal points for field contacts.

NATIONAL 4-H CLUB WEEK

The impact of 4-H Week is best seen at the local level and it is thrilling to see some of the reports coming in to us. Probably these are only a fraction of those you are sharing. Highlights of the Washington part of the Report-to-the-Nation activity were a visit with President Eisenhower, a conference with Secretary Benson, a luncheon for Congressional leaders, and a call at the offices of each of the farm organizations. This year, a copy of the bound report, as presented to the President, was given to each of the farm organizations.

Six outstanding 4-H representatives, from as many States, and two alumni representatives were in the delegation. State leader representatives were Roger Regnier of Kansas and Audrey Sandstead of Colorado.

The President was presented with a white dogwood tree like those growing at the new 4-H Club Center. The tree was presented in the name of all 4-H'ers but especially those enrolled in home grounds improvement, forestry, and natural resources projects. On behalf of the alumni a beautiful parchment scroll was presented, typifying the experiences of 20 million former 4-H Club members.

Two special guests in the party were John Coverdale, president of the National Committee on Boys and Girls Club Work, and Conrad Hilton, of Hilton Hotels, Inc. Program arrangements for delegates and guests are made jointly by the National Committee and the Federal Extension Service.

PLANNING FOR NATIONAL CONFERENCE

It is hoped that much of the 1959 National 4-H Conference program will take place in a new locale, the National 4-H Center. Tuesday, June 16, has been designated as Friends of 4-H Day. A special ceremony will recognize the official opening of the Center.

This year we are planning what might be considered two conferences in one. A separate, almost full time, conference for State Leaders will be running concurrently with the delegates' sessions. In our planning every effort is being made to free State Leaders to participate in these important discussions.

A number of program gems are in store for club members as they follow the delegate sessions with the theme - "Your Tomorrow."

SOME SUGGESTIONS FOR 4-H PEN PAIS

As a result of many requests and ideas that have been channeled to this office and to the National 4-H Foundation, Warren Schmidt, International Farm Youth Exchange coordinator, has prepared a new leaflet to help ambitious

4-H pen pals. A copy of the leaflet is enclosed. We commend to your special attention the excellent suggestions on the subject of how local clubs and individual 4-H members can assist with ideas for peace.

Additional copies will be available in limited quantities along with folders from each of the pen pal organizations mentioned. We feel this will be extremely useful for you to send to county extension agents or local leaders where there is interest in the subject.

4-H AND CIVIL DEFENSE

During the February meeting of the Extension Subcommittee on 4-H Club work, Director Henry Hansen of Connecticut, called our attention to the desirability of rural civil defense cooperation as an activity of State and local 4-H Clubs. Director Hansen serves as Extension liaison with the office of Civil and Defense Mobilization on the President's staff. A copy of a letter to Mr. Hansen from W. L. Shaffer, director, Rural Activities Office, OCD, is enclosed for State 4-H Club Leaders.

EVALUATION OF 4-H PROGRAM AT EASTERN STATES EXPOSITION

Many 4-H workers have been concerned about the amount of staff time devoted to events of all kinds. Questions are raised relative to the amount of education accomplished in the light of the large amount of staff time consumed. A unique study has recently been completed of educational and public relations aspects of the Eastern States exposition. Three hundred eighty-two men, women, boys and girls were interviewed at specified locations on the fair grounds. Eighty-one percent of them had never been exposed to 4-H as a member or 4-H parent. Yet 73 percent of them spoke of the benefits of 4-H to young people. The values most frequently mentioned included: Prevention of juvenile delinquency, vocational competence and training, citizenship, getting along with other people, character building and similar subjects. It was concluded that 4-H participation in the exposition has had good public relations value.

NEW SURPLUS PROPERTY BILL

Mr. Ferguson has sent to State Extension Directors a copy of S.1018--a bill introduced by Senator Stennis--which is designed to provide for the donation of Federal surplus property to State or county Extension services. Of interest to State 4-H leaders and camp directors will be the following provision of the bill.

Place the State and county Extension services on the same basis as the Department of Health, Education and Welfare and the Civil Defense agencies now receiving surplus property. The Secretary of

Agriculture would be required to issue regulations and determine the type of property which would be usable and necessary for extension work, and such property would be allocated on the basis of need.

Your director will be kept advised of developments.

YOUTH COURSES AT SUMMER SCHOOLS

On the back page of the January 1959 issue of Extension Service Review is the schedule of courses to be offered at the Regional Extension Schools. All courses that deal with 4-H Club programs have an instructor listed, except the one to be taught at Colorado. We now know that George Foster, 4-H Club specialist, Tennessee, will teach the course "Principles in the Development of Youth Programs" at Colorado State University.

A variety of other courses, also, would be of value and interest to State 4-H Club staff members. Usually a student is allowed to take no more than two courses during a three-week term.

Summer school can be an interesting experience. Have you had that experience recently?

FIVE IMPORTANT HEALTH ITEMS

Mental Health Week April 26-May 2 - "Operation Friendship" will be the theme. Copies of advance materials may be mailed to you by Richard P. Swingate of the National Association for Mental Health, Inc., who would be glad to supply you with additional copies.

National Youth Fitness Week May 3-10 - Soon you will be receiving a kit of materials, prepared by the President's Council on Youth Fitness, including a Presidential proclamation, poster and suggestions for observing this Week.

Community Action Against Polio is a need pointed out by Dr. Norvin C. Kiefer of the National Health Council, stating that "Paralytic polio is still a menace to thousands of communities". Many civic and health groups will join in a sustained nationwide campaign to spur the vaccination program to prevent tragedy or needless death.

Health Scholarships - A new health scholarship plan for "careers that count" is announced by The National Foundation. We have suggested a mailing to you of the brochure. Scholarships are to train youth in five career areas in health fields.

Noreen Ray of Connecticut was 4-H representative at a health conference focused on volunteer services of youth in health programs. We are asking Miss Ray to make a report of the ideas from the conference that will be helpful.

HONOR COMES TO "THE PROMISE AND THE GLORY"

Top national honors from the Freedoms Foundation was the honor paid to this 4-H film. It was produced for the American Oil Company by Howard Todd. The George Washington Honor Medal was presented for "bringing about a better understanding of the 'American Way of Life'." The film has been widely used in 4-H circles and for general distribution. It depicts early American history as seen through the eyes of a group of 4-H Club members from 21 States who were in Virginia for the 4-H tractor operators' contest. Dr. "Bill" Skelton, State Leader in Virginia, made the nomination of the film to Freedoms Foundation. This serves as a good example of how we can help our "Friends of 4-H" receive more recognition and expression of our gratitude.

EXTENSION YOUTH SECTION OF SOUTHERN AGRICULTURAL WORKERS

Ten 4-H State staffs and Puerto Rico were represented at the youth section program of the Southern Agricultural Workers Association, February 1-4. Principal program features were the challenge of Youth Development of Scope by Director W. A. Sutton of Georgia, a basis for YMW Program built by Dr. Christine Hillman, National Agricultural Extension Center; and one day's program on Leadership Development in the Southern Region.

This was highlighted by Dr. Neiderfrank's presentation on what we learned about Leadership Training. Martha Harrison was chairman on the Youth Section and C. I. Smith served as program chairman. The 1960 conference will be held in Birmingham, Ala., February 1-3. C. I. Smith will serve as the overall conference chairman and Ira Hollar, Oklahoma, is the new program chairman.

ROY BATTLES NAMED NATIONAL FARM-CITY WEEK CHAIRMAN

Roy Battles, of the National Grange, was named chairman of the National Farm-City Week Committee, Inc., at the committee's annual meeting in Chicago recently. Walter Garver, U. S. Chamber of Commerce, and Maurice Weiting, Ohio Farm Bureau, were named vice-chairmen. Ken Anderson, National Committee on Boys and Girls Club Work, Inc., was renamed treasurer, and Larry Hapgood, Kiwanis International, was renamed Secretary.

ENCAMPMENT FOR CITIZENSHIP

This is another opportunity for young adults 18-23 to broaden their experiences. The Encampment which lasts 6 weeks might be a training experience for someone planning to be an IFYE. Two separate sessions will be held: One in New York City, June 28-August 8, and in San Francisco, June 21-August 1. For additional information from an Extension person you might write to Geraldine Fenn, Associate State 4-H Leader, Montana, or Elizabeth Davies, Assistant State Club Leader, Wisconsin. For detailed information write Encampment for Citizenship.

DOG HUSBANDRY

Allen Baker has reviewed for us the success of his contacts with nine of the 32 States working on the dog husbandry projects. He reported often meeting a mental road block when the project was first mentioned to county extension agents but usually a definite "warm-up" as agents got acquainted with the project possibilities and the literature and other tools. A State club leader commented recently after seeing a member give a dog obedience training demonstration at a State Fair, that he rated the value of the dog training along with other livestock projects, and saw in it the same potentials for 4-H teaching situations.

The dog husbandry program does not contemplate going into dog shows per se. However, it does include care, management, health, and obedience for the family dog. Incidentally the American Kennel Club concurs with this attitude for our project. Allen makes the following comparison:

<u>Dog Project</u>	<u>Other Livestock</u>
a. Condition	a. Condition
b. Member's efforts	b. Member's performance
c. Obedience demonstration	c. Showing

Mr. Baker feels that the success of this project will be assured if States follow the suggestions in the "Guidelines", which they have received from him, and secure leaders qualified for the dog training.

4-H CAMPING WORKSHOP

A three-day camping workshop at Boston gave New England States a chance to analyze objectives, programming, staffing and facilities for 4-H camps. Jesse James of New Hampshire was committee chairman. States participating: Connecticut, Massachusetts, Vermont, New Hampshire, Rhode Island. In approving the workshop, Directors scheduled it immediately in advance of the Regional A.C.A. Conference.

JUNIOR POULTRY FACT FINDING CONFERENCE

Two new States joining in the February 13-14, JPFF conference brought the total to 26 States with 85 youth delegates. Three separate youth clinics were held, one highlighting career opportunities. This event is held annually in Kansas City.

NATIONAL JUNIOR VEGETABLE GROWERS

You have received the announcements of the 1959 program and projects of the National Junior Vegetable Growers Association. Many States are finding these activities an appropriate supplement to the vegetable gardening and

truck crops in the 4-H Club program. The 25th anniversary of the National Junior Vegetable Growers Association will be featured at their 1959 convention, which will be held in Washington, D. C., December 6-10.

NATIONAL VEHICLE SAFETY-CHECK FOR COMMUNITIES

Again this year many of your local 4-H groups may have expressed an interest in the traffic safety activity. You may secure a kit of program materials by writing M. R. Darlington, Jr., National Vehicle Safety-Check for Communities, 316 Ring Building, 1200-18th Street, N.W., Washington 6, D. C. The title of the kit is "Planning Guide for Community Vehicle Safety-Check Programs". Since May is American Bicycle month, dealers are offering free bike inspection during that period and are issuing a copy of rules of the road.

GROWING POTATOES FOR CHIPPING

The special project of producing potatoes for chipping, introduced in 1957, has expanded at a modest rate. It has been particularly successful in Pennsylvania, where five counties carried on the work with 46 boys enrolled. The success of the project is closely correlated to the understanding and support of the chippers. The project has demonstrated the importance and requirements for producing potatoes for this specialized market.

FEED CIRCULAR

A well known feed company has recently circulated a leaflet which announces and promotes a special 4-H and FFA awards contest for livestock members using their particular brand of feed. This was not an authorized program. Leonard Harkness, State 4-H Club Leader of Minnesota, has been in close contact with the company concerned. They realize their error and we are assured that there will be no repetition or follow-up of the announcement. However, the circulars have been distributed on a widespread basis and probably cannot be recalled entirely. We thought you would want to be advised of the problem and also the fact that proper, though belated, correction has been made.

TEENAGE NUTRITION

The report of the Foods and Nutrition Program Development Committee outlines a plan for concerted emphasis on teen-age nutrition. We hope your staff has noted the recent report sent by Beatrice Cleveland, chairman. Additional material, giving program suggestions, will be reaching you soon. Please note the timetable worked out by the committee for sending additional helps to the States. If you will keep us informed of your progress, good materials and program ideas you develop can be shared through subsequent releases.

We have a dual opportunity of helping teen-agers through our regular 4-H work, as well as spearheading an effort to reach all teen-agers. Research shows that teen-agers, girls particularly, are the poorest fed members of the family. We have a challenging opportunity to reach and help them.

SHARING SOME OF THE GOOD IDEAS IN USE IN THE STATES

STAFF AND LEADER DEVELOPMENT - Some of the many good examples:

Illinois - Safety Theme

Safety in the 4-H Club program was theme for the series of Local Leader Conferences and recognition events throughout January and February.

Iowa - Assembly For Young Adults

Last week nearly 425 Iowa Young people attended the 24th annual State Assembly for Young Adults, which was held on the campus of Iowa State College at Ames. The assembly is sponsored jointly with various State church groups, State farm organizations, and State YMCA and YWCA offices. The theme this year was "operation--big issues". The program included lectures and discussions on such subjects as The Changing Scene in Iowa, Pre-world war of ideas, decisions I face as a young man or woman, education and vocational choice, marriage and the family, my role in the community, and values by which to live.

Kentucky - State Staff Planning Conference

Program evaluation and realignment with trends and outlook in the Youth Development Section of Kentucky's scope work came in for analysis. Previously, the annual conference was based on scope report and its implications.

Maryland - District Meetings

A series of four district training meetings have emphasized "Needs of Young People" and "How Young People Learn". These training meetings are held in alternate years. About 1300 attended the 1959 meetings.

Massachusetts - Camp Counselors Training

A training conference for camp counselors and staff, to prepare for the 1959 4-H camping season, is scheduled for June. Object will be to teach direction of a well rounded and complete camping program.

Minnesota - 4-H Leaders Institutes

County and district institutes for more than 17,000 4-H adult and junior leaders in Minnesota were held during January and February. "Understanding Younger 4-H Members" was the theme. Programs included new material on the health project and demonstrations.

Montana - Citizenship Emphasis

Duane Loewenstein, now of Nebraska, participated in the Montana 4-H Leadership School. His topic was "Factors in Our 4-H Club Program Building for Good Citizenship".

New Jersey - Staff Conference

Youth development in the Scope report was central focus of a staff development conference. The expanding role of Extension came in for searching analysis.

New York - Leaders Training Camp

Extension staff and other youth leaders will receive training in camping philosophy and techniques at the 20th Annual Camp to be held June 8-13. The five courses offered are:

Camping and Woodcraft
Recreation
Exploring Our Environment
Crafts
Water Safety

Nevada - "Focus on the Future"

Four half-day sessions had enthusiastic participation of leaders. An agent or an agent committee worked with the State Home Demonstration Leader in making plans and in carrying out the program.

North Carolina - Community Clubs

4-H Community Clubs are receiving emphasis in North Carolina. Along with the school club, community club is making it possible for organized 4-H work to reach into every corner of every county. Community development plays an important part through these clubs. If there is a community building, the 4-H'ers share in its care. Fund drives find willing helpers in the 4-H'ers, who also tackle many other responsibilities. Through the community clubs, adult leaders are able to give more individual project help.

Tennessee - Leader Training Program in Depth

Recently agents in 10 counties over the State received training in this program. As a result 5 of these counties have held the series of 7 leader training sessions and now approximately 350 leaders have been graduated in these 5 counties. Plans for conducting this program in 5 other counties are under way. The goal of the course is to train lay leaders so that they are able to lead a 4-H Club on a year-round basis. Last year there was a 15 percent increase in volunteer leaders in Tennessee.

Texas - Training Tool

The State is seeing some real follow-up as a result of a "Guide for Organizational Leaders".

Utah - 40th Annual Event

One of the longest-established training events is in Utah. Leaders who attended the February school came expecting to be on the training teams in their own counties. Program was a balance between general philosophy and project work.

Washington - Example of County Plans for Leader Training

A recent release told the training plans in nine counties. Here's a typical example from King County: Training will be set up in the following categories: Prospective Leaders, New Leaders, Experienced Leaders and County Leaders. The training for new and experienced leaders will be conducted through 4-H Leader Councils. The meeting will be conducted at the same time with the leader audience being divided into new leaders, those in the first or second year, and experienced leaders.

West Virginia - Club Workers Conference

"The Keys in 4-H Club Work" was central theme for the biannual conference. A workshop group came up with an outline for four training sessions for local leaders.

PROJECT EMPHASIS

Kentucky - More Business Managerial Ability

A new cooperative study project is especially pointed to boys and girls interested in developing more business managerial ability. It is directed toward teenage groups. All kinds of business concerns serving agriculture are being studied. Twelve 4-H clubs and one YMW group are currently testing out the material.

Massachusetts - Light Horse Projects

A statewide field day for leaders working with members who have horse projects is planned for April. It is designed to give specific help on stable inspection, fitting and showing, equitation and selecting and judging horses. Panel discussions, judging classes and demonstrations will be used to show the techniques to use in 4-H horse programs.

Minnesota - Project Changes Based on Survey

Analyzing records of food preparation members and surveying members by a questionnaire, have been extremely helpful in revamping the 4-H food preparation projects. Twenty percent of the food preparation records

in 8 counties were checked. Some of the items checked were whether members felt the projects were too easy or too difficult, what meals they liked to prepare, whether they prepared meals alone or with help, if meals they prepared were adequate in certain important nutrients, and what were the sources of literature for meal preparation and for demonstrations.

New Jersey - "Social Know-How"

A new project, on exploratory basis, has been developed to help club members look their best, learn how to act in new social situations, and to get along with people. It is planned for members age 14 and over, preferably boys and girls in a combined project, includes a members manual and a leaders guide. Members are provided opportunity to demonstrate, exhibit and participate in group activities.

North Carolina - Safety

The 20th annual Southern Safety Conference. was held in Asheville, March 1-3. The Conference had a Youth Section in which 4-H, Future Homemakers, Future Farmers, Scouts and other youth agencies were represented.

Tennessee - State Clothing Committee

A new look in 4-H clothing projects is resulting from the work of a State clothing committee. The group has made an evaluation of the present program and mapped out a long-time program.

South Carolina - Sweet Potato Tour

Annually a delegation of club members follow a carload of their own potatoes through to the central markets. The young men see their potatoes go through the marketing channels in New York, up until they reach the consumer at the supermarket. A stop in Washington is always a feature of this program.

Wisconsin - Two New Projects

Child care projects, tested last year in 5 counties, will now be extended to 10 additional counties. "Fun With Children" is proposed for members 10 and 11 years old, and "Learning More About Children" for members 12 years and older. Only a few additional counties will offer the project each year so that adequate assistance can be given in agent and leader training.

Nature-Conservation, is a revised 4-H project. It is a two-year project, in which the same work will be undertaken only in alternate years. The heart of the project is the development of a Naturarium. This is like a large book and at the end of the project year it contains specimens, information and pictures of the activities undertaken.

4-H CAMPING:

Illinois - Goals for Camping Funds

Fourty-four counties have now met or gone over the 10-year 4-H camping fund goals. Much of the money was raised by the youth themselves in sponsoring community-wide events. Object is to maintain and develop the State 4-H Memorial Camp and four district 4-H camps. County 4-H programs can then use these camps for a very small fee.

Washington - Resource People From Highway Patrol

Members of the State Patrol are available to assist with County Camps. The 12 patrolmen go to the counties to be resource people for discussions and special activities.

West Virginia - Resource People for Conservation

The State Conservation Commission makes men available to assist with county 4-H camps. Usually the men lead discussions and activities in forestry, nature, wildlife and related topics.

4-H BEFORE THE PUBLIC

Arizona - Governor is Honored

Governor Paul J. Fanning was presented an honorary 4-H membership and plaque during 4-H Week. Arizona's four delegates to National 4-H Conference did the honors.

Arkansas - Service Projects for Collegiate 4-H Club

Philander Smith Collegiate 4-H Club has collected and distributed canned and other non-perishable foods for needy Negro families. This is an example of a collegiate club away from the State office. A faculty member is advisor.

California - Puppets Help Tell 4-H Story

Sack puppets helped 4-H leaders in Los Angeles learn the history of 4-H. A puppet play proved to be an easy and humorous way to put across the subject. The script was entitled "This Is Your Life--4-H Club Movement". Large and small bags were used for the puppets, which were "personalized" through the use of crayons, wool yarn, colored paper, bow ties, etc.

Georgia - "What Can Be Done"

Outgrowth of a year's work on Scope development is presented in this new booklet. It gives the look ahead for Extension Service in Georgia. The 4-H section gives the "4-H Road to Better Citizens and Leaders for a Better State and Nation".

Mississippi - "Mississippi's Future is in Good Hands"

This is the title of the Bel-Tel News for February, a news sheet which circulates to the Bell Telephone customers in Mississippi. It was one of the features to highlight National 4-H Club Week.

North Carolina - 4-H Honor Program

A newspaper chain is cooperating with one of the Districts to honor counties doing outstanding 4-H work. Accomplishments of some of the most representative boys and girls in the counties are cited. The dual goal is strengthening the overall county program and also individual work.

Oklahoma - New in the Illustrated Talk Series

A new activity for individual illustrated talks on Commercial Banking has been added for 1959. The purpose is to help members study the banking business and commercial banking in Oklahoma, and to help members use illustrated talks as a tool in teaching economics and sociology subject matter. This event will be a feature of the State 4-H Club Round-Up, in the same way as talks stressing cooperatives, and other ways of doing farm business.

Oregon - Plan for Centennial Pageant

Plans are in the making for an impressive Centennial pageant to be presented by 4-H Club members at the 1959 4-H Summer School. More members are enrolled in 4-H Clubs today than at any time in the history of the State program.

ENCLOSED FOR YOUR USE

"Highlighting the Heart H in 4-H"

Most of you will already have seen this publication. It grew out of the work and planning of the Spiritual Emphasis Development Committee, of which Ima Crisman is chairman. Joint authors are George Foster, of Tennessee, and P. F. Aylesworth, of FES.

Church leaders of many denominations and faiths have contributed to the bulletin by serving as members of the committee or by checking and reviewing the contents.

"Bibliography on Camping" (One copy per State)

This inclusive bibliography was assembled by John Lennox while working on our camping bulletin, which is still in process of publication. The bulletin will contain an abbreviated bibliography. We felt you would like the more detailed list for your files.

Science Letter

Our organization of Professional Employees of the Department of Agriculture (O.P.E.D.A.) has a unique plan for encouraging young scientists. Every boy or girl who exhibits an agriculture or home economics related science project at one of the many science fairs in this region receives a letter of commendation and an invitation to display his exhibit in our U.S.D.A. patio.

"Learning from Loans"

This new circular printed by USDA is being distributed on a suggestions-to-the-State basis. It is developed as a joint effort by the Agricultural Economics Program Division, and with our own Jim Robinson as author. In its preparation, we had suggestions of 4-H and Economics staff members in five States. Very shortly, Mr. Robinson will be sending copies to your economists working in the credit field. Enough copies are available to provide a dozen or so for a pilot county or two, in any State that might desire to undertake work in 1959.

A companion mimeograph "4-H Credit Project Report" can be adapted as States see fit.

"Careers in Agriculture"

J. K. Stern, President of American Institute of Cooperation, is the author. Many of you have active programs in career guidance and will welcome knowing about this bulletin.

"National 4-H Entomology Development Committee"

The committee report has some valuable suggestions for State consideration, particularly regarding adjusting the project to various age groupings.

People-to-People Leaflets

Warren Schmidt has provided us with a series of leaflets to transmit to you. You will recall that the Subcommittee advised sending such materials to you through the IDEAS Letter. No. 1 included: "Children's Plea for Peace", "Somewhere in the World Someone Wants You for a Friend", "Letters Abroad", "You Can Be A Spokesman for the United States".

"Some Factors Affecting the Tenure of 4-H Club Agents in Wisconsin"

The research work was done by Mitchell J. Mackey at the University of Wisconsin as part of his graduate program. Be sure to note the implications. This is another in the research summary series being done by Laurel Sabrosky.

Resolution on 4-H Work - Kansas

Representative Tom Van Sicle of Bourbon County, a former 4-H member, is author of a Kansas House of Representatives Resolution in connection with National 4-H Week. Perhaps other States have such documents to share. In any event, we felt you would like to read the fine tribute paid in Kansas.

Letter to Distribution Officers on Safety Week Materials

Materials for National Safety Week are being ordered by your State Publication Distribution Officer. Please note that the enclosed letter was prepared by Mr. Flannery, Director of Division of Management Operations.

NEA Research Bulletin - February 1959 Issue

We were especially interested in the February 1959 issue of the NEA Research Bulletin giving a great deal of information on schools and teachers occupational trends and average salaries. This should be helpful in your career exploration programs. The National Education Association has generously supplied enough copies of this issue so that we might send one per State.

"The 4-H Story - An Investment in Youth" (One copy per State)

The Missouri Annual Report highlights 4-H Club work in a wonderful way. It was included in the report presented to President Eisenhower, along with a copy of the Kansas 4-H Journal, as portraying 4-H at the local level.

"Nominations for State 4-H Workers for Recognition"

A reply
please

Will you please use the attached sheet to report retired State and Assistant State 4-H Club leaders who have served 25 years or more, who have retired and have not been recognized. These are needed for National 4-H Conference.

ALERTS TO OTHER HELPFUL MATERIALS

"Your Teen Years"

Metropolitan Life Insurance Company has done another helpful publication, this one addressed to the teen-ager himself. An earlier publication "Understanding Your Teen-ager" was addressed to parents and adult leaders working with youth. Address is: Metropolitan Life Insurance Company, One Madison Avenue, New York 10, N. Y.

"Tips to Teens"

Here is a timely and appealing message on good driving from the National Safety Council, issued through the courtesy of American Oil Company. It is envelope size.

"Go Places Gal"

This new bulletin on personal improvement would be appropriate for the older 4-H club member or for YMW use. It emphasizes such suggestions as: Learn to relax, sleep better, look better, enjoy life, trim your figure, feel better, sparkle. It is issued by the National Dairy Council, 111 North Canal Street, Chicago 6, Illinois.

"A Date to Decorate"

Some of you alerted us to the room improvement materials from Dow Chemical Company, particularly the film strip which can be used with sound. We have reviewed this material and suggested a kit go to your staff so you can see the teen-age slant that has been achieved. We understand this material is being widely used in the schools.

Articles on 4-H in Encyclopedias

Two popular encyclopedias in which 4-H is proud to have descriptive articles are the Encyclopedia Britannica's BOOK OF THE YEAR and the Grolier Society's BOOK OF KNOWLEDGE ANNUAL. Gift volumes of each of these handsome 1959 editions -- just received from the publishers -- have been added to our 4-H library.

New Teen Magazine Carries 4-H Items

INGENUE, a new bi-monthly magazine for girls, contains some 4-H farm and highway safety feature shorts in its first issue just out. The publication-- which aims at being "a show case for youthful achievement"--will also carry 4-H community service briefs in the June issue and later issues. Ruth Schwartz, associate editor, called some material we sent her "just wonderful....exactly what we are looking for." We hope for your cooperation in supplying both story leads and photographs for INGENUE and other magazines requesting them from us.

NEWS OF OUR COWORKERS

Arne G. Kettunen was buried March 26 at Lansing, Michigan. "Ket" leaves many living memorials through the progress of 4-H work in Michigan and in Finland where he helped start 4-H. He served with distinguish on many national assignments including being chairman of the Subcommittee on 4-H Club Work and of the Board of Trustees of the National 4-H Foundation. Ket was a native of Michigan and dedicated his entire lifetime to the progress of 4-H work there and in the nation.

Ollie Gaebe, State 4-H Coordinator in Illinois, passed away very unexpectedly on March 16.

In addition to being loved and respected in Illinois, Ollie was well known across the nation. He has been actively associated with the International Livestock Show and has served on many important 4-H committees.

"Randy" W. Whaples, State 4-H Leader of Connecticut, has announced a retirement date of June 30. Previous to becoming State Leader in 1948, he had been 4-H Club agent in New London and Hartford counties and held other agricultural positions. Among the many things to his credit are efforts to stimulate programs for older teen-agers, and to bring adults into the program through town committees and training programs. He has guided the development of an outstanding junior leadership program.

Edith Lacy of Kentucky is talking about a June 30 retirement date. She plans to be in the group attending the American Country Women of the World Conference in Scotland next summer. Miss Lacy is highly respected for her 4-H leadership.

Most of you already know that Eloise Johnson is to report May 1 as a State 4-H worker in Florida. She assumes the responsibility formerly held by Emily King, now studying at Wisconsin. Miss Johnson has done an outstanding job as a member of the staff of the National Committee on Boys and Girls Club Work for the past four years.

Ann Barr of Alabama returned to work on March 9. We are happy to know that her long recuperation period is now over. During the Christmas season she broke her pelvic bone.

We are concerned to hear of the illness of Aubry Scott of the Tennessee staff. Ann Lee of Tennessee has resigned from the State staff. She plans to be married soon.

Henrietta M. Gohring joined the South Dakota staff on April 1, filling the position vacated by Mary Frances Lyle now on our FES staff. Miss Gohring has been a home demonstration agent in Grant County for several years, and was a club member and National Congress delegate. She completed a master's degree in Extension Education at the University of Wisconsin.

Helen Johnson, formerly assistant home agent in Houston, is the newest member on the Mississippi State 4-H staff. She has taught home economics and while doing so, experienced the volunteer-leader phase of 4-H work.

Robert R. Pinches has returned to Minnesota and a position on the 4-H team as Assistant State Leader. This shift was made when Stan Meinen joined the National Foundation staff. Earl S. Bergerud of Minnesota is on study leave until July 1.

Ed Reeves of Washington is on study leave. He is now enrolled at Colorado and returns to his job in July. Another State staff member on study leave is Albert F. Gehres of Ohio.

Geronimo Chavez of New Mexico has resigned to accept a position as rural youth advisor with I.C.A. at Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. Gerry has been on the New Mexico staff since 1953. He is succeeded by Toribio D. Apodaca as Associate State 4-H Club Leader. Toribio was formerly an agent in the same State.

Mrs. Alice L. Hare is a new appointee to the State 4-H staff in Illinois. She was formerly Home Adviser in Knox County.

Burton Marston, retired State 4-H Leader of Wyoming, was honored during the State Leadership School. Referring to him as "Mister 4-H in Wyoming", his dedication to serving the youth of the State was highly praised.

Recently we have had correspondence with Boyd Wheeler, formerly of Kentucky and now on an ICA assignment in Bogor, Indonesia. Boyd is serving as an Extension Adviser and Instructor for Extension workers in Indonesia. He writes that the work continues to be interesting and challenging.

Dr. Ruth Radir, formerly of Washington, has been spending an interesting period of time in Mexico, assisting a friend in making pictures of south-of-the-border friends. The pictures are to be used in California schools to promote understanding and goodwill. At a later date, when she gets settled in California, Dr. Radir may be available for some special 4-H assignments.

Rita Sullivan will soon be joining the 4-H staff in the State of Washington. For eight years she has been a State 4-H worker in Pennsylvania and previous to that was a county worker in her native State of Illinois.

Washington has hired Mrs. Evelyn Montague on a part-time basis, to be State IFYE leader. She has a master's degree in sociology and has traveled abroad.

We join with the National Committee in welcoming Miss Jane Wrenn to their staff on April 16. Jane is well qualified for this assignment. Most of you will remember her as a member of the Wyoming 4-H Club staff. More recently, she has been doing clothing work in Michigan.

IN CLOSING

Tennessee's new Governor, the Honorable Buford Ellington, closed his inaugural address by referring to the 4-H pledge and his experience as a 4-H member in Mississippi. May we share it with you?

"The controlling ambition of my administration was embedded in me as a child when I, like so many hundreds of thousands of other farm youth in this country, came under the influence of the distinguished agricultural leader, "Corn Club" Smith, a founder of the 4-H Clubs of America, whose inspiration I carry with me today in meeting my responsibilities to the people of Tennessee.

Therefore I say to you now that my sincere desire is that--

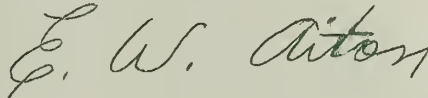
MY HEART shall always be loyally dedicated to your services;
that

MY HANDS shall labor faithfully for you; that

MY HEAD shall not be turned from the tasks that lie ahead, and
that it shall be my good fortune to possess the good

HEALTH to serve you with vigor, and that my feet shall always
be planted firmly on the ground."

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "E. W. Aiton". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the typed name.

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